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# LABOR MARKET DIGEST

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## Year-End Economic Review

### Civilian Labor Force

During 1987 employment growth outpaced civilian labor force gains in Maine. Between 1986 and 1987 the civilian labor force increased by 3.3 percent, from 562,000 to 580,700. At the same time, resident employment increased by approximately 4.5 percent, from 532,000 to 555,700. During 1987 total employment topped 600,000 for the first time ever, reaching 600,100 in August.

While the number of people in the civilian labor force increased by 18,700 between 1986 and 1987, total resident employment grew by 23,700. As a result of employment growing faster than the number of people available to take jobs, unemployment dropped by 5,000 between 1986 and 1987. With 5,000 fewer persons unemployed, Maine's unemployment rate fell from 5.3 percent in 1986 to 4.3 percent in 1987. The statewide rate compares favorably with the national rate which declined from 7.0 percent in 1986 to 6.2 percent in 1987. For the seventh straight year Maine's unemployment rate fell below the national average. During 1987 monthly rates of 2.9 percent were recorded in September and October, representing 31-year lows for unemployment rates in Maine.

### Counties

All counties within Maine, with the exception of Sagadahoc County, registered unemployment rate declines between 1986 and 1987. The tightest labor markets in 1987, as measured by unemployment rates, were in southern and coastal counties, including Cumberland (2.4 percent), York (2.7 percent), Lincoln (3.4 percent), and Knox (3.4 percent). The highest 1987 unemployment rates were recorded by Washington (8.9 percent) and Aroostook (7.9 percent) counties.

### Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment

Most of the increase in total statewide resident employment of 23,700 between 1986 and 1987 was due to a gain of 19,800 nonfarm wage and salary jobs. During the past year the 4.2 percent growth in nonfarm employment was led by the nonmanufacturing sector, similar to the growth registered between 1985 and 1986 when nonmanufacturing employment gains led to a 4.1 percent increase in nonfarm employment.

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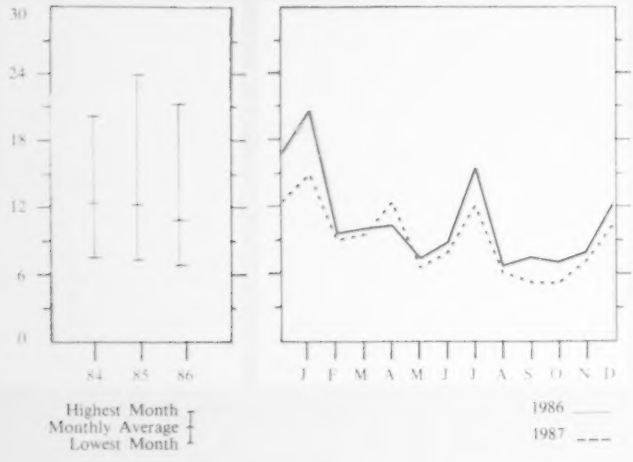
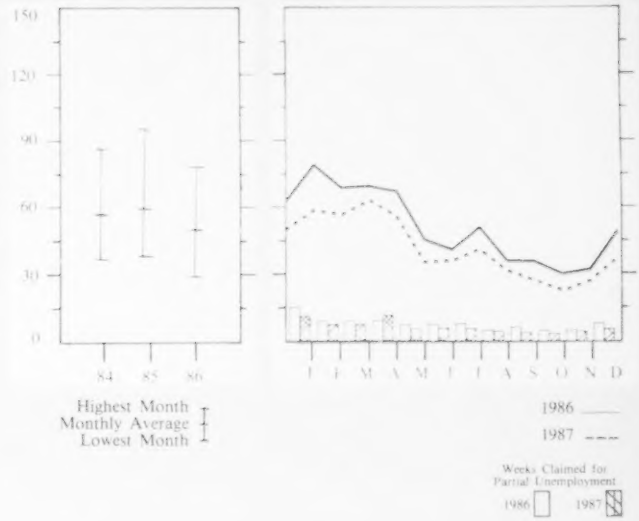
## UI Initial Claims

in Thousands




## UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed

in Thousands

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### Nonmanufacturing

Employment in the nonmanufacturing sector increased by 20,600 between 1986 and 1987 led by gains in services, retail trade, and construction. All other nonmanufacturing industries, including government, wholesale trade, transportation and public utilities, and finance, insurance, and real estate also registered employment increases over the year. During 1987 all-time employment highs were reached by several of the nonmanufacturing industries, including retail trade, services, construction, wholesale trade, and finance, insurance, and real estate.

### Manufacturing

Manufacturing employment remained relatively stable, with a decline of only 800 jobs between 1986 and 1987. However, four of Maine's manufacturing industries reached all-time employment highs during 1987, including electrical and electronic equipment, transportation equipment, furniture and fixtures, and stone, clay, and glass. For most manufacturing industries, output has been going up as employers boost productivity through new equipment and processes.

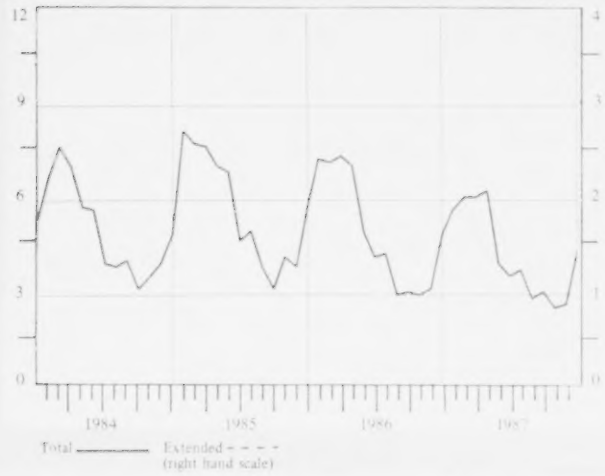
Within the manufacturing sector, employment gains of 1,400 in durable goods industries were more than offset by losses of 2,200 in nondurable goods industries. Much of the gain in durable goods employment was the result of an increase of 800 in the manufacture of transportation equipment. Expansion by Bath Iron Works accounted for most of the gain of 800. Employment in the other durable goods grouping increased by 400 between 1986 and 1987 due to some growth in furniture and fixtures, professional and technical equipment, and stone, clay, and glass products. Electrical and electronic equipment continued a gradual climb in employment, increasing by 300 between 1986 and 1987 as some of the stronger firms expanded.

# Selected Employment Security Activities

MAINE JOB SERVICE

## UI Benefit Payments
in Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)




## Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)

## Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

| ITEM | STATEWIDE This Month | STATEWIDE Last Month | STATEWIDE Year Ago | PORTLAND - MSA This Month | PORTLAND - MSA Last Month | PORTLAND - MSA Year Ago | LEWISTON AUBURN MSA This Month | LEWISTON AUBURN MSA Last Month | LEWISTON AUBURN MSA Year Ago |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/ | 512.2 | 509.8 | 486.7 | 125.2 | 124.3 | 119.3 | 39.3 | 39.1 | 38.3 |
| Total Manufacturing | 106.2 | 104.8 | 105.5 | 16.0 | 15.7 | 16.6 | 9.8 | 9.8 | 9.8 |
| Durable Goods | 49.6 | 48.9 | 47.7 | 7.9 | 7.7 | 8.2 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.8 |
| Lumber and Wood Products 2/ | 13.8 | 13.6 | 14.2 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Primary and Fabricated Metals | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Machinery, except Electrical | 4.1 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Electrical and Electronic Equipment | 11.3 | 10.9 | 10.2 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.8 |
| Transportation Equipment 3/ | 11.4 | 11.2 | 10.8 | (d) | (d) | (d) | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Other Durable Goods 4/ | 5.2 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.4 |
| Nondurable Goods | 56.6 | 55.9 | 57.8 | 8.1 | 8.0 | 8.4 | 7.1 | 7.0 | 7.0 |
| Food and Kindred Products | 7.2 | 7.1 | 7.2 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Textile Mill Products | 6.7 | 6.6 | 6.7 | n/a | n/a | n/a | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| Apparel | 3.5 | 3.5 | 4.3 | n/a | n/a | n/a | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Paper and Allied Products | 17.3 | 17.0 | 17.6 | (d) | (d) | (d) | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Printing and Publishing | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.0 | n/a | n/a | n/a | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.5 | n/a | n/a | n/a | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Leather and Leather Products | 12.2 | 12.0 | 11.8 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.1 |
| Footwear (except Rubber) | 10.2 | 10.1 | 9.7 | n/a | n/a | n/a | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.6 |
| Other Leather Products | 2.0 | 1.9 | 2.1 | n/a | n/a | n/a | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| Other Nondurable Goods 5/ | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Total Nonmanufacturing | 406.0 | 405.0 | 381.2 | 109.2 | 108.6 | 103.3 | 29.5 | 29.3 | 28.5 |
| Mining | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Contract Construction | 30.2 | 31.0 | 26.4 | 8.2 | 8.2 | 7.1 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 1.7 |
| Transportation and Public Utilities | 19.4 | 19.6 | 19.6 | 6.2 | 6.3 | 6.0 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.3 |
| Wholesale Trade | 25.0 | 24.9 | 23.4 | 9.0 | 9.0 | 8.8 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 2.0 |
| Retail Trade | 105.4 | 103.1 | 94.8 | 28.5 | 28.0 | 27.3 | 7.9 | 7.6 | 7.4 |
| Finance, Insurance and Real Estate | 24.2 | 24.0 | 23.1 | 12.1 | 12.1 | 11.1 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| Services | 107.9 | 108.0 | 102.4 | 29.7 | 29.6 | 27.6 | 10.0 | 10.1 | 9.9 |
| Government | 93.8 | 94.3 | 91.4 | 15.5 | 15.4 | 15.4 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| Federal | 18.6 | 18.7 | 17.9 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| State and Local 6/ | 75.2 | 75.6 | 73.5 | 13.6 | 13.6 | 13.6 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.7 |
| Involved in Labor-Management Disputes | 1.6 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

1/ Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Lumber and wood products and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland and Lewiston series. 3/ Transportation equipment and instruments are combined in the Lewiston series. 4/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 38, 39; Lewiston - 32, 39. 5/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 28, 29. 6/ Regular teachers are included in summer months, whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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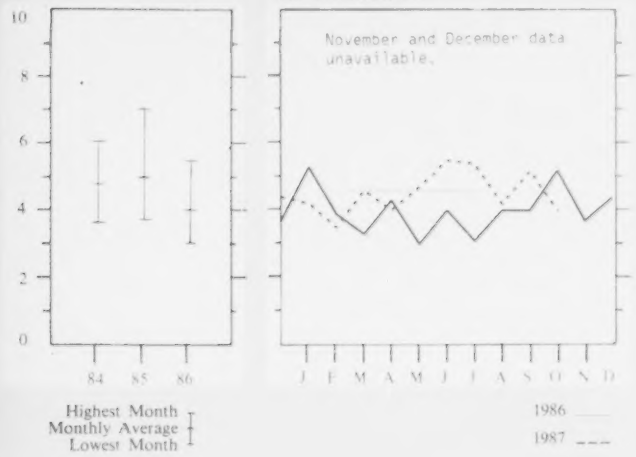
## New Applications For Work

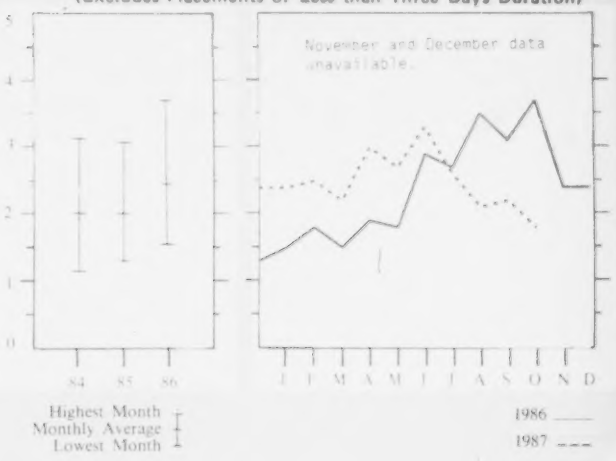
in Thousands




## Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)




## Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

| AREA AND INDUSTRY | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | | ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | This Month | Last Month | Year Ago | This Month | Last Month | Year Ago | This Month | Last Month | Year Ago | 1986 | 1985 | 1984 |
| STATEWIDE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | $370.12 | $370.82 | $363.96 | 41.4 | 41.9 | 41.5 | $8.94 | $8.85 | $8.77 | $8.65 | $8.40 | $8.05 |
| Durable Goods | 361.24 | 360.72 | 354.90 | 42.7 | 43.2 | 42.0 | 8.46 | 8.35 | 8.45 | 8.52 | 8.46 | 8.22 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 338.99 | 342.77 | 322.55 | 40.5 | 42.9 | 41.3 | 8.37 | 7.99 | 7.81 | 7.74 | 8.06 | 7.57 |
| Primary and Fabricated Metals | 399.25 | 401.39 | 385.85 | 42.7 | 45.1 | 43.5 | 9.35 | 8.90 | 8.87 | 8.58 | 8.25 | 7.89 |
| Machinery, except Electrical | 477.74 | 417.23 | 399.07 | 53.2 | 45.4 | 41.7 | 8.98 | 9.19 | 9.57 | 9.62 | 9.11 | 8.36 |
| Electrical and Electronic Equipment | 321.88 | 329.21 | 325.20 | 40.9 | 41.1 | 40.0 | 7.87 | 8.01 | 8.13 | 7.94 | 7.57 | 7.56 |
| Other Durable Goods | 376.26 | 377.94 | 391.15 | 43.7 | 44.1 | 43.9 | 8.61 | 8.57 | 8.91 | 9.41 | 9.50 | 9.51 |
| Nondurable Goods | 378.82 | 379.73 | 371.13 | 40.3 | 40.7 | 41.1 | 9.40 | 9.33 | 9.03 | 8.76 | 8.31 | 7.95 |
| Food and Kindred Products | 276.02 | 259.78 | 266.58 | 37.0 | 35.2 | 37.6 | 7.46 | 7.38 | 7.09 | 7.00 | 6.63 | 6.46 |
| Textile Mill Products | 293.96 | 296.61 | 306.25 | 39.3 | 39.8 | 42.3 | 7.48 | 7.45 | 7.24 | 7.04 | 6.64 | 6.13 |
| Apparel | 220.54 | 239.00 | 213.56 | 35.4 | 40.1 | 38.0 | 6.23 | 5.96 | 5.62 | 5.73 | 5.83 | 5.55 |
| Paper and Allied Products | 604.80 | 637.49 | 602.53 | 44.8 | 46.6 | 46.1 | 13.50 | 13.68 | 13.07 | 12.70 | 12.25 | 11.62 |
| Leather and Leather Products | 250.80 | 236.74 | 234.99 | 38.0 | 37.4 | 37.3 | 6.60 | 6.33 | 6.30 | 6.05 | 5.93 | 5.80 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 339.73 | 328.80 | 337.34 | 40.3 | 40.0 | 40.4 | 8.43 | 8.22 | 8.35 | 8.00 | 7.51 | 7.11 |
| PORTLAND MSA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | 389.62 | 389.23 | 372.40 | 43.1 | 43.2 | 40.0 | 9.04 | 9.01 | 9.31 | 9.17 | 8.90 | 8.08 |
| LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | 315.47 | 300.80 | 296.68 | 41.4 | 40.0 | 40.2 | 7.62 | 7.52 | 7.38 | 7.19 | 6.78 | 6.58 |

## Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

| ITEM | This Month 1/ | Last Month 1/ | Year Ago 2/ |
|---|---|---|---|
| Labor Force | 267.0 | 267.4 | 246.8 |
| Unemployed | 9.9 | 10.4 | 11.7 |
| (Percent) | 3.7% | 3.9% | 4.7% |
| Resident Employed | 257.1 | 257.0 | 235.1 |

## U.S. Consumer Price Index

| BASE PERIOD | This Month | Last Month | Year Ago | Last Dec |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (1967=100) All Items | 345.7 | 345.8 | 331.1 | 331.1 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Percent Change for Past Month | 0.0% |
| Percent Change from Last Dec (index) | +4.4% |
| Percent Change from 12 Months Ago | +4.4% |

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

# Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

| AREA 1/ | LABOR FORCE 2/ | | | RESIDENT EMPLOYED | | | UNEMPLOYMENT Number | | | UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | This Month | Last Month | Year Ago | This Month | Last Month | Year Ago | This Month | Last Month | Year Ago | This Month | Last Month | Year Ago |
| **MAINE**-Statewide | 600.1 | 601.4 | 556.6 | 578.8 | 580.4 | 532.6 | 21.3 | 21.0 | 24.0 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 4.3 |
| **MAJOR LABOR MARKETS** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bangor MSA | 43,300 | 43,200 | 40,600 | 42,000 | 42,000 | 38,800 | 1,300 | 1,200 | 1,800 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 4.4 |
| Lewiston-Auburn MSA | 42,200 | 41,900 | 40,200 | 40,300 | 40,200 | 38,000 | 1,900 | 1,700 | 2,200 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 5.5 |
| Portland MSA | 129,400 | 128,700 | 119,500 | 127,000 | 126,300 | 117,100 | 2,400 | 2,400 | 2,400 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 2.0 |
| Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/ | n/a | 131,700 | 126,200 | n/a | 129,400 | 123,200 | n/a | 2,300 | 3,000 | n/a | 1.7 | 2.4 |
| **OTHER LABOR MARKETS** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Augusta | 33,580 | 33,710 | 31,390 | 32,440 | 32,590 | 30,170 | 1,140 | 1,120 | 1,220 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.9 |
| Bath-Brunswick | 28,680 | 28,920 | 26,100 | 27,960 | 28,080 | 25,540 | 720 | 840 | 560 | 2.5 | 2.9 | 2.1 |
| Belfast | 11,170 | 10,880 | 10,340 | 10,280 | 10,310 | 9,500 | 890 | 570 | 840 | 8.0 | 5.2 | 8.1 |
| Biddeford | 26,660 | 27,150 | 24,480 | 25,930 | 26,530 | 23,440 | 730 | 620 | 1,040 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 4.2 |
| Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset | 12,710 | 13,180 | 11,250 | 12,240 | 12,660 | 10,710 | 470 | 520 | 540 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 4.8 |
| Calais-Eastport | 14,040 | 14,290 | 12,780 | 13,010 | 13,240 | 11,840 | 1,030 | 1,050 | 940 | 7.3 | 7.3 | 7.4 |
| Caribou-Presque Isle | 23,270 | 23,210 | 20,890 | 21,550 | 21,540 | 19,290 | 1,720 | 1,670 | 1,600 | 7.4 | 7.2 | 7.7 |
| Central Penobscot | 2,800 | 2,880 | 2,610 | 2,680 | 2,760 | 2,460 | 120 | 120 | 150 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 5.7 |
| Dover-Foxcroft | 6,660 | 6,690 | 6,670 | 6,390 | 6,390 | 6,240 | 270 | 300 | 430 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 6.4 |
| Ellsworth | 22,470 | 23,290 | 20,500 | 21,330 | 21,940 | 19,250 | 1,140 | 1,350 | 1,250 | 5.1 | 5.8 | 6.1 |
| Farmington | 12,500 | 12,270 | 12,120 | 12,020 | 11,670 | 11,470 | 480 | 600 | 650 | 3.8 | 4.9 | 5.4 |
| Fort Kent-Allagash | 5,620 | 5,820 | 5,300 | 5,370 | 5,480 | 4,920 | 250 | 340 | 380 | 4.4 | 5.8 | 7.2 |
| Greenville | 1,320 | 1,310 | 1,230 | 1,220 | 1,250 | 1,120 | 100 | 60 | 110 | 7.6 | 4.6 | 8.9 |
| Houlton | 6,010 | 6,120 | 5,680 | 5,800 | 5,760 | 5,320 | 210 | 360 | 360 | 3.5 | 5.9 | 6.3 |
| Kittery-York 3/ | 30,380 | 30,300 | 28,120 | 29,990 | 29,970 | 27,760 | 390 | 330 | 360 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.3 |
| Lincoln-Howland | 5,340 | 5,330 | 5,160 | 5,100 | 5,120 | 4,920 | 240 | 210 | 240 | 4.5 | 3.9 | 4.7 |
| Livermore-Falls | 4,430 | 4,670 | 4,390 | 4,150 | 4,320 | 4,090 | 280 | 350 | 300 | 6.3 | 7.5 | 6.8 |
| Madawaska-Van Buren | 3,760 | 3,740 | 3,610 | 3,430 | 3,460 | 3,250 | 330 | 280 | 360 | 8.8 | 7.5 | 10.0 |
| Millinocket-East Millinocket | 4,360 | 4,240 | 4,220 | 4,060 | 4,070 | 3,970 | 300 | 170 | 250 | 6.9 | 4.0 | 5.9 |
| Norway-Paris | 12,100 | 12,110 | 11,090 | 11,700 | 11,710 | 10,590 | 400 | 400 | 500 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 4.5 |
| Patten-Island Falls | 2,510 | 2,460 | 2,400 | 2,340 | 2,340 | 2,230 | 170 | 120 | 170 | 6.8 | 4.9 | 7.1 |
| Rockland | 18,510 | 18,700 | 16,240 | 17,960 | 18,190 | 15,550 | 550 | 510 | 690 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 4.2 |
| Rumford | 8,920 | 8,740 | 8,070 | 8,550 | 8,410 | 7,550 | 370 | 330 | 520 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 6.4 |
| Sanford | 16,600 | 16,740 | 15,230 | 16,160 | 16,260 | 14,530 | 440 | 480 | 700 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 4.6 |
| Sebago Lakes Region | 12,220 | 12,460 | 10,990 | 11,950 | 12,160 | 10,690 | 270 | 300 | 300 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 2.7 |
| Skowhegan | 24,470 | 24,440 | 22,430 | 23,220 | 23,270 | 21,040 | 1,250 | 1,170 | 1,390 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 6.2 |
| Southwest Penobscot | 10,470 | 10,500 | 10,270 | 9,830 | 9,860 | 9,530 | 640 | 640 | 740 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 7.2 |
| Waterville | 23,780 | 23,550 | 22,860 | 22,920 | 22,700 | 21,770 | 860 | 850 | 1,090 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 4.8 |
| **OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Connecticut | n/a | 1,796.5 | 1,777.2 | n/a | 1,739.8 | 1,715.4 | n/a | 56.7 | 61.3 | n/a | 3.2 | 3.4 |
| Massachusetts | 3,075.0 | 3,085.0 | 3,055.9 | 2,993.0 | 3,013.0 | 2,960.5 | 81.0 | 72.0 | 95.4 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 3.1 |
| New Hampshire | 593.1 | 591.3 | 565.9 | 580.0 | 578.0 | 551.8 | 13.1 | 13.3 | 14.1 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.5 |
| Rhode Island | 531.2 | 530.4 | 519.7 | 512.4 | 514.0 | 500.2 | 18.8 | 16.4 | 19.5 | 3.5 | 3.1 | 3.7 |
| Vermont | 302.8 | 297.0 | 296.8 | 292.2 | 286.8 | 283.5 | 10.7 | 10.2 | 13.3 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 4.5 |
| **NEW ENGLAND STATES** | n/a | 6,901.6 | 6,772.1 | n/a | 6,712.0 | 6,544.5 | n/a | 189.6 | 227.6 | n/a | 2.7 | 3.4 |
| **UNITED STATES 4/** | 120,206 | 120,611 | 118,049 | 113,679 | 113,809 | 110,588 | 6,526 | 6,802 | 7,461 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 6.3 |

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

**Note**

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

**Footnotes**

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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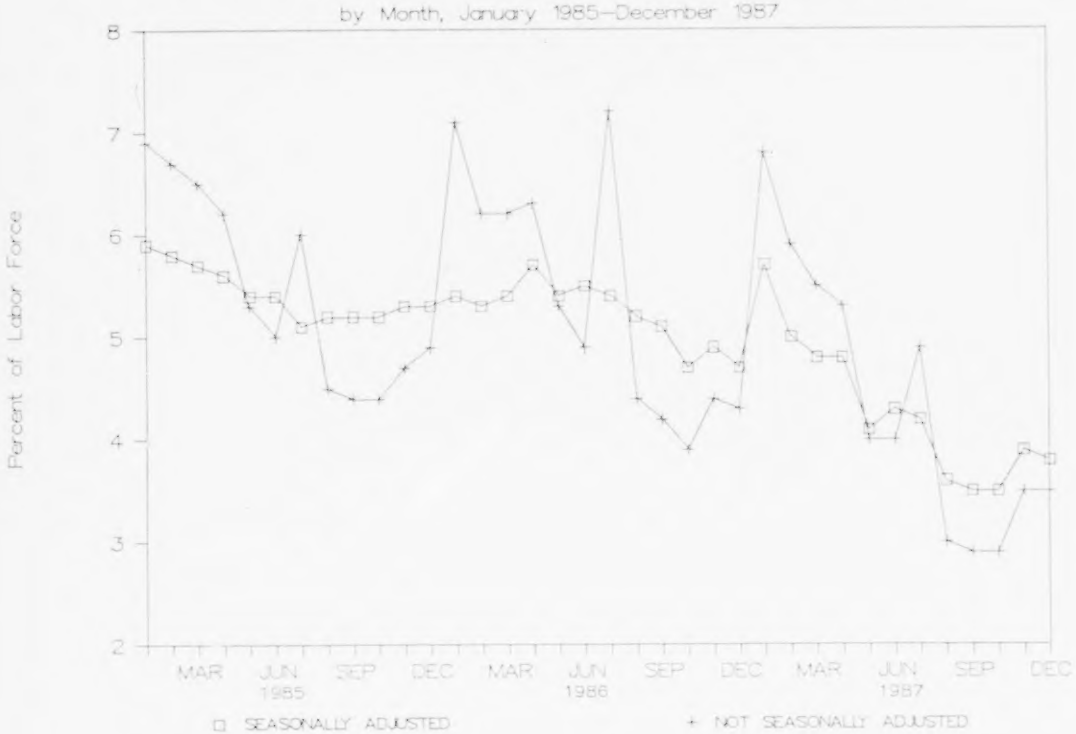
# Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

| ITEM | STATEWIDE | | | PORTLAND MSA | | | LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | This Month | Last Month | Year Ago | This Month | Last Month | Year Ago | This Month | Last Month | Year Ago |
| Number of Continued Week Claimants | 6,205 | 4,696 | 8,139 | 588 | 479 | 784 | 583 | 414 | 755 |
| Insured Unemployment Rate * | 1.3 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 2.1 |

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

# Unemployment Rates in Maine

by Month, January 1985–December 1987



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